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SUBJECT: AUTO STANDARDS

REFS: (A) TOKYO 9398, (B) TOKYO 10093

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM GOJ THAT WE WOULD PREFER
TO HOLD MEETING ON AUTO STANDARDS IN TOKYO IN SEPTEMBER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JAPAN-U.S. MTN BILATERALS. (MTN TALKS
WILL LIKELY BE HELD AT SOME LOCATION CLOSER TO TOKYO
THAN IS WASHINGTON, THUS FACILITATING TRAVEL OF THOSE
U.S. REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL BE ATTENDING BOTH.) BY
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HOLDING TALKS AFTER COMPLETING THE WITNESS TESTING
EXPERIMENT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT
DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIGHT OF ACTUAL EXPERIENCE. WE ASSUME
THIS DELAY IN TALKS WILL NOT DELAY APPROVAL OF 1978
U.S. MODELS - I.E. WITHIN 45 DAYS AS OCCURRED LAST YEAR.

2. WITNESS TESTING BY MOT INSP-CTORS WILL ACCOMPLISH

THE GOALS OF THE PROPOSED VISIT TO COMPANY AND PRIVATE LABS. WE AGREE THAT THE IDEA OF A VISIT BE DROPPED.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POSITION ON ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT ROLE IN THE TESTING PROCESS BEYOND THAT ALREADY EXISTING IS CORRECT. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO DRAW ON STATE 134977 AS APPROPRIATE.

4. MVMA INFORMS US THAT GM WILL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR WITNESS TESTING, INCLUDING SOME BUT NOT ALL OF THE QTE SIX IMPORTANT TEXTS UNQTE. GM HAS A PROBLEM FINDING TIME AT ITS LAB FOR JAPANESE TESTS, AND MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SCHEDULE THEM UNTIL OCTOBER. HOWEVER, ALONG WITH FORD AND CHRYSLER, GM IS COMMITTED TO WITNESS TESTING AS AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF DEALING WITH THE DELAYS CAUSED BY HAVING TO SHIP CARS TO JAPAN FOR TESTING. DUE TO SENSITIVE SITUATION BETWEEN GM AND ITS CURRENT AGENT IN JAPAN, EMBASSY SHOULD BE CIRCUMSPECT IN THE USE OF ABOVE INFO.

5. FYI - WE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY'S DESIRE TO HOLD TALKS IN JULY IN ORDER TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM, BUT WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ONE ROUND OF WITNESS TESTING BEHIND US WHEN WE SIT DOWN WITH THE GOJ. WE THINK OFFER OF WITNESS TESTING BY MOT AND UNANIMOUS ACCEPTANCE OF THIS IDEA BY THE U.S. INDUSTRY IS A MAJOR STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FROM BOTH SIDES IN THIS NEGOTIATION. OUR EFFORTS WILL NOW BE DIRECTED TO INSURING THAT WITNESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TESTING GOES SMOOTHLY SO THAT ATMOSPHERE FOR RESUMED TALKS WILL BE FAVORABLE. - END FYI. VANCE

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